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**REASONS** Humbly Offer'd to the Honourable House of  
**COMMONS**, by the Callicoe-Printers, against the  
Duty Intended to be Laid on Printed Callicoes and Linnens.

**T**HE Present Duties on *White Callicoes* are 50 l. per Cent. viz. 35 per Cent. as by the Book of Rates, and 15 per Cent. more according to the gross Sale at the Candle.

It is computed that since the last Duty of 15 per Cent. commenced, which was about *Anno 1705*, the *Printing of Callicoes* hath Annually been less by full one third than before.

By a Computation from the *Custom-house Books*, of what *Callicoes* have of late Years been Annually Imported and Exported, and of what remained in *England*, as also by the Accounts in the *Callicoe-Printers Books*, there is not Annually Printed above the Quantity of One Hundred Thousand Pieces of *Callicoes*, computed as per Book of Rates 10 Yards to the Piece, which at the intended Duty of 4 d. per Yard amounts to 16666 l. 13 s. 4 d.

Three Parts in Four of the said Number will not bear the Intended Duty, being *Course Callicoes*, Sold by the *East-India-Company* from 16 d. to 20 d. per Yard, which are used and Printed for *Frocks, Aprons, Quilts, &c.* at the Prices of 2 d. to 4 d. per Yard; the want of which will be supplied by *Checquer'd, Stain'd and Strip'd Linnens* from *Holland, Hamborough*, and other Foreign Parts, which were Imported in great Quantities soon after the Prohibition of *Indian Printed Callicoes*: But are now much lessened by our *English Printed* ones.

If this Duty take place, it will prevent the *Printing* of any *Course Callicoes*, and so necessitate their being Exported *White*, the Draw-back whereof is about 47 l. 10 s. per Cent.; and the New Duty on those few Fine ones that will be Printed will amount to so little, that instead of an Increase, there will be an apparent Diminution of the Revenue; as appears by the following Calculation.

4 d. per Yard upon 100000 Pieces of	l.	s.	d.
<i>Callicoes</i> of 10 Yards to a Piece is—	16666	13	4
Deduct $\frac{1}{4}$ of these, being <i>Course</i> , and			
will be Ship'd off <i>White</i> , 75000 Pcs—	12500	00	0
The Duty on the Fine <i>Callicoes</i> that			
may be Printed ————	4166	13	4
Remains a Loss to the Publick by			
this intended Duty ————	16145	16	8
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The 75000 Pcs which will be Shipt off, as not bearing the Duty of <i>Printing</i> , draws back of the Old Duties 5 s. 5 d. per Piece—			
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As to *Printed Linnens*, they are used by the Poorest sort of People, who cannot go even to the Present Price of *Callicoes*; and if this Intended Duty takes place, their Uses will be supplied by Printed, Stained, or other Colour'd Manufactur'd *Linnen* from *Holland, Hamborough* and *Ireland*, which are not made lyable to this Intended Duty; whereas the *Linnens* now Printed are mostly the Manufacture of *North Britain*.

The Quantity of *Silks* and *Stuffs Printed*, if not Lessened by the Intended Duty, is not likely to Amount to so much as will Defray the Charge of Collecting.

The Calculation, and other Assertions afore-mentioned, are ready to be Proved before the Honourable House of Commons.

Therefore it is humbly hoped, That this Honourable House will not lay this Intended Duty, which will deprive so many of their Livelihoods: The Benefit whereof will only accrue to the Dutch, and other Foreigners.

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